



# Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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## Have You Heard?

### Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule

#### Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2009

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Friday, December 25, 2009	Saturday, December 26, 2009

#### New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2010

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Friday, January 1, 2010	Saturday, January 2, 2010

Please remember to make sure your recycling containers are placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.

You can now receive the Civic Loop newsletter electronically in an effort to reduce paper usage.

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### Montgomery County's Recycling Program Expanded to Include Additional Materials

On September 21, 2009, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced the expansion of the County's recycling program to include even more recyclable materials in a continuing effort to recycle all that can be recycled and meet the county's goal to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated in the county. Already having one of the broadest lists of recyclable materials in the region, Montgomery County is now able to recycle the following materials:



#### In your **blue commingled recycling bin:**

- o non-hazardous aerosol cans (such as spray cooking oil, whipped topping, deodorant, hair spray and shaving cream)
- o Reusable and durable plastic Tupperware™ or Rubbermaid™-type containers and lids



#### In your **wheeled mixed paper recycling cart:**

- o Milk and juice cartons
- o Frozen meal and vegetable boxes
- o Fruit and produce boxes
- o Paper coffee and beverage cups
- o Juice and drink boxes

Montgomery County provides weekly curbside recycling collection services to 210,000 single-family homes. Recycling programs for residents living in municipalities are established by their individual jurisdictions, so be sure to check with your local jurisdiction for recycling information.



At the home of a family enthusiastic about recycling, County Executive Isiah Leggett announces the expansion of the County's recycling program to include additional materials.

## Expanded Recycling Program:

### What happens to recyclable materials after they are collected?

Do you ever wonder what happens to the materials that are recycled each week? After the materials are collected at the curb, they are transported to the Montgomery County Recycling Center located in Derwood. The materials are sorted and then sent to processors and manufacturers and made into new materials. Below is a list of products that are made from the additional materials that residents can now recycle:



#### **Tupperware™ or Rubbermaid™-type plastic containers and lids are recycled into:**

- o Plastic pallets
- o Plastic spacers used in shipping
- o Plastic furniture



#### **Non-hazardous aluminum aerosol cans are recycled into:**

- o Auto parts and industrial uses

#### **Non-hazardous steel aerosol cans are recycled into:**

- o Appliances and auto parts



#### **Milk and Juice cartons are recycled into:**

- o Newsprint



#### **Frozen food boxes, cardboard ice cream containers and lids, fruit and produce boxes, paper and coffee beverage cups and juice and drink boxes are recycled into:**

- o Paper towels, tissue, etc.

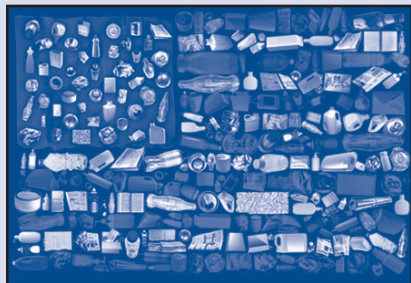
### Are you interested in seeing Montgomery County's Recycling Center in operation?

Do your residents want to know and see what happens to their recyclable materials after they are collected at the curb?

The Division of Solid Waste Services provides guided tours of the Recycling Center Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. To schedule a tour with ten (10) or more people, please call 301-417-1433. Individuals are also welcome to visit for a self-guided tour without an appointment anytime between 7:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday. However, please note that the Recycling Center typically does not operate on Fridays, so residents will not be able to see recyclable materials being processed.

The Recycling Center is located at 16105 Frederick Road in Derwood, Maryland 20855 (just south of the intersection of Frederick Road and Shady Grove Road).

# America Recycles Day 2009



This November, Montgomery County will join with the rest of the country in celebrating America Recycles Day. America Recycles Day is an annual event that promotes recycling and encourages the purchase and use of products made with recycled materials. People all across the country will pledge to do their part to improve the level of recycling that takes place in their homes and at their workplace. You and your community can play an integral role in the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling by recycling all that can be recycled in Montgomery County and encouraging family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to reduce waste, recycle and buy products made with recycled

materials. By working together, we will reach the County's goal to recycle 50 percent of all waste generated in the county and help protect the environment and save natural resources for generations to come.

## Recycling...Did You Know?

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television set for three hours.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees.
- Recycling five plastic 2-liter bottles makes enough fiber for one extra large T-shirt, one square foot of carpet or enough fiber to fill one ski jacket.

## Fall – A Great Time to Compost



Now that the leaves have fallen off the trees, have you considered composting those leaves instead of raking the leaves and placing them in paper lawn bags or in reusable containers for curbside recycling collection? Composting is recycling, but it's recycling in your own backyard.

The Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) encourages residents to recycle their yard trim materials such as grass clippings, leaves and garden trimmings by composting. All you need to get started is a compost bin. DSWS provides compost bins at no added charge to residents and are available at a number of locations across the county (for a list of locations, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) or call 240-777-6410).

Once have your compost bin in place, there are a few easy tips to follow. In the end, you will get a rich, dark brown-black, crumbly, sweet-smelling material that you can use in your garden, in potting soil, or sprinkled on your lawn that will provide essential nutrients to your plants and lawn. It's a great substitute for commercial fertilizers and is good for the environment.

For more information about backyard composting, please visit our website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) or call 240-777-6410.

### Quick Tip: How to Compost?

Place a mixture of leaves and grass clippings into your compost bin. If you add only leaves, it will take a longer time to make compost. A three-to-one mix of carbon to nitrogen materials (see list) works the best. Adding only grass clippings may result in a strong odor when the grass decomposes, so make sure to add some carbon-rich materials such as leaves when you add grass clippings.

### ✓ COMPOSTING DOS

#### Carbon-Rich (Brown) Materials

- ✓ Dry leaves
- ✓ Cotton rags
- ✓ Dryer and vacuum lint
- ✓ Sawdust
- ✓ Straw
- ✓ Wood chips

#### Nitrogen-Rich (Green) Materials

- ✓ Plant trimmings
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Fresh hay
- ✓ Nut Shells

### ⊗ COMPOSTING DON'TS

- ⊗ Black walnut leaves or twigs
- ⊗ Coal or charcoal ash
- ⊗ Diseased or insect-ridden plants
- ⊗ Food wastes\* (dairy products, fats, grease, lard, oils, meats, fish, bones and vegetable scraps)
- ⊗ Pet wastes

\*Please note: Adding food scraps to a compost bin is strongly discouraged as it can attract pests such as insects and rodents





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# Now You Can Recycle More!

It's easy! Just place your recyclable materials in the correct containers.

Commingled  
Materials



Mixed Paper



Now Recyclable

Wax-coated milk/juice cartons,  
drink boxes, and produce  
paperback, and  
telephone books

Hardback,  
Newspaper  
and inserts

White and colored  
shredded paper, and

Unwanted mail  
and envelopes

Magazines and  
catalogs

Corrugated  
cardboard and  
paperboard boxes

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Now Recyclable

Non-hazardous  
aerosol cans

Plastic durable  
reusable containers  
and lids

Plastic flower pots,  
buckets, pails, jars,  
containers, tubs, and lids

Plastic bottles

Glass bottles  
and jars

Bi-metal  
steel/tin cans

Aluminum cans  
and foil products

If you don't have a wheeled recycling cart, mixed paper can be placed in a small paper bag, a small cardboard box with a secure lid, or bundled with twine.